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Sir:

Pursuant to 35 USC §134, 37 CFR 1.191, and MPEP §1205, the Applicant in the above-identified patent application hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated December 4, 2003, at least twice rejected or finally rejecting claims 6-13, 77 and 84-86.

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